GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:377
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2002
GRAMSAT SCHEME IN TRIBAL AREAS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount spent on GRAMSAT scheme especially in the tribaldistricts during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the programmes telecast under the scheme; (

(c) whether the Government propose to include the tribal people in the said programmes with a review to promote tribal culture;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 377 REGARDI GRAMSAT SCHEME IN TRIBAL AREAS FOR ANSWER ON 08.08.2002

(a) to (e) : Gramsat Scheme is not operated byPrasar Bharati. Instead, the Department of Space hasinitiated Gramsat Pilot Projects in Madhya Pradesh(M.P), Gujarat,Karnataka and Orissa. As informed by the Department of Space,the first pilot project in M.P. covered the tribal district of Jhabua which was subsequently extended to cover tribal districts of Dhar and Badwani. The expenditure incurred by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in these three districts is as under :
Year Expenditure
1996-1998 7.00 crores 1998-2001 8.00 crores

The Gramsat network are used for organizing interactive training programmes in all the above mentioned States and for interactive training and broadcasting programmes in Madhya Pradesh.